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SUBJECT: ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON EUR ASSISTANT
SECRETARY

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST RECEIVED AMBASSADOR ANDERSEN MARCH 23 FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION OF OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES. ANDERSEN, JUST BACK FROM SOUTH AMERICA AND ABOUT TO DEPART FOR TWO-MONTH STINT IN GENEVA AS HEAD OF ICELANDIC LOS DELEGATION, REQUESTED APPOINTMENT DURING STOP-OVER IN WASHINGTON TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FOREIGN MINISTER WITH STATUS REPORT ON TERMINAL PROPOSAL AND CIVIL AVIATION CONSULTATIONS.

2. ON TERMINAL, VEST REASSURED ANDERSEN THAT USG HAD NOT
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LOST SIGHT OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S PROPOSAL AND THERE WAS NO REASON FOR ANYONE TO BE DISCOURAGED. VEST ADDED THAT SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAD AGREED ON GENERALLY RESPONSIVE POSITION WHICH MUST NOW GO TO WHITE HOUSE FOR FINAL DECISION.

3. WHEN ANDERSEN RAISED LOFTLEIDIR REQUEST FOR LOS

ANGELES OR BALTIMORE GATEWAY, VEST RESPONDED THAT WE
REALIZED WE WERE IN VIOLATION OF OUR OBLIGATION TO CON-
SULT WITHIN 60 DAYS BUT THAT PROPOSAL FOR PRECISE DATES

OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WOULD SOON BE COMMUNICATED TO
ICELANDIC EMBASSY. ANDERSEN WAS ADVISED THAT WE WERE NOT
OPTIMISTIC RE LANDING RIGHTS AT LOS ANGELES ALTHOUGH
BALTIMORE WAS CERTAINLY A POSSIBILITY.

4. ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR APPEARED WELL SATISFIED WITH
THIS VERY CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

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